

Informational Presentation to ADE-OIE Policy & Program and Indigenous Stakeholders

American Indian Education Association Kimberly Daingkau-Begay, President August 16, 2021

What is AIEA?

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- Comprised of educators and community members
- Dedicated to improving the K-12 and college education of American Indian students in Arizona.
- Collaborates with federal, state, and tribal programs
- Works closely with the ADE's Office of Indian Education
- To date, AIEA is the only professional American Indian Education organization that represents Native youth statewide.

AIEA Resource Links

- Webpage: <u>www.itcaonline.com/aiea</u>
 - Contact info; Yearly Meeting Calendar; Events and activities
- YouTube: Arizona Indian Education Association
 - Recordings from the General Meetings, Educational Webinar Series; College Webinar Series; Cultural Webinar Series
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/aiea2003/
 - Highlights issues related to Indian Education and the Native
 American community

AIEA Events & Activities

- August AIEA General Meeting
 - 3rd Friday: August 20, 2021
 - Virtual Meeting
- 2021-22 AIEA Student Scholarship application
 - Webpage: https://itcaonline.com/2021-2022-arizona-indianeducation-association-aiea-student-scholarship/
 - Extended deadline: August 23, 2021
- 2nd Annual AIEA Educator's Award Celebration
 - Event date: September 18, 2021
 - Webpage: https://itcaonline.com/aiea-educators-award- celebration/
 - Nomination extended deadline: August 23, 2021
- 2021 AIEA Protecting Our Land Winter Youth Camp
 - In-person camp event: December 19-21, 2021
 - Email Jerri.thomas@itcaonline.com for information

AIEA Scholarship Application

Mail to: AIEA Scholarship 2214 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 Email to: AIEA est2003@gmail.com *preferred*



Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) 2021-2022 Student Scholarship Application Form

The scholarship will recognize American Indian students who demonstrate exemplary achievement in academics, community service, and leadership, and who consistently participate in cultural activities. The goal of the AIEA Student Scholarship is to promote, encourage, and support students as they develop into scholars and prepare to engage in important careers as adults.

- American Indian/Alaska Native students residing in and attending a school or community college/university in Arizona
- Enrolled member of a federally-recognized tribal nation
- . Demonstrates excellence, creativity, initiative and leadership in school, community and cultural
- . Exemplifies the characteristics of a positive role model in his/her school and community

7th - 12th Grade Students:

Community College/University Students:

- Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student with a minimum of 12 credit hours for curren

- . Must be appoiled as a full-time graduate student with minimum gradit hours, as defined by graduate program, for current semester. (Provide documentation from graduate college/department)
- · Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above

Application Procedure: 1. Complete the application form.

- 2. Submit copy of tribal enrollment card/CIB from a federally-recognized Indian Nation.
- 3. Include two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher/professor, counselor/advisor, mentor church leader or community leader. Recommendation is encouraged to include cultural aspects and highlights of students.
- 4. Submit a copy of your current school transcripts. Unofficial copies are acceptable Note: Incoming high school freshmen are to provide Middle School/Junior High transcripts.
- Incoming freshman to college and/or university are to provide High School transcripts. 5. Submit a typed double-spaced essay (2 pages, 12 point font) on the theme of "Empowering Tradition
- for My Community." Please do the following: a. Create a questionnaire with four questions that you will use to interview a Native elder that
- your community considers to be an elder. b. Interview the Native Elder using your questionnaire. This can be someone you know or
- someone you meet just for this assignment. Ask the elder if they can teach you a word or concept in their native language for Hope.

Thank you to ADE for allowing AIEA to share! Please contact us for any questions.

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